

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6860

Petitions of Vermont Electric Power Company,)
Inc. (VELCO) and Green Mountain Power)
Corporation (GMP) for a certificate of public)
good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248,)
authorizing VELCO to construct the so-called)
Northwest Vermont Reliability Project, said)
project to include: (1) upgrades at 12 existing)
VELCO and GMP substations located in)
Charlotte, Essex, Hartford, New Haven, North)
Ferrisburgh, Poultney, Shelburne, South)
Burlington, Vergennes, West Rutland,)
Williamstown, and Williston, Vermont; (2) the)
construction of a new 345 kV transmission line)
from West Rutland to New Haven; (3) the)
reconstruction of a portion of a 34.5 kV and 46)
kV transmission line from New Haven to South)
Burlington; and (4) the reconductoring of a 115)
kV transmission line from Williamstown to)
Barre, Vermont –)

Order entered: 10/6/2006

ORDER RE: MEACH COVE MOTION FOR EXTENSION

On September 29, 2006, Meach Cove Real Estate Trust ("Meach Cove") filed a request for an extension of time to file testimony regarding an alternative option. Meach Cove requested that the deadline for such testimony be extended from October 3 to October 12, 2006. On October 2, 2006, Vermont Transco LLC ("VT Transco") filed an objection to Meach Cove's request. Meach Cove responded to VT Transco's objection on October 3, 2006. On October 4, 2006, VT Transco filed a letter requesting that any late-filed Meach Cove evidence be excluded.

We grant Meach Cove an extension until October 10, 2006, to file additional testimony regarding an alternative option, and deny VT Transco's request to exclude such evidence. Although Meach Cove did not present a particularly compelling argument in support of its

requested extension, we recognize that a sizeable portion of the 115 kV line passes through the Meach Cove property, and we conclude that our review of the line will be better served by allowing Meach Cove the opportunity to present an additional alternative. At the same time, we are concerned about the last-minute nature of Meach Cove's presentation of this new alternative, and the burden this places on VT Transco and the other parties to review Meach Cove's new alternative in advance of the upcoming hearings. Accordingly, we are granting a shorter extension than that which Meach Cove has requested.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 6th day of October, 2006.

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| <u>s/ David C Coen</u> |) | BOARD |
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| <u>s/ John D. Burke</u> |) | |

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: October 6, 2006

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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